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E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UNSC, RH  
SUBJECT: AFRICANS CALL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ON RHODESIA

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1. AFRICAN GROUP HAS NOW FORMALLY CALLED FOR MEETING  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON RHODESIA. THE COUNCIL DEBATE  
IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MONDAY, MARCH 6 AND TO LAST  
FOUR DAYS.

2. BRIGADIER GARBA, NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, IS EX-  
PECTED TO ARRIVE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 TO PARTICIPATE

IN THE DEBATE. GARBA HAS REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED THAT OTHER AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO ATTEND IF AVAILABLE.

3. AT A LUNCHEON WITH AMB YOUNG TODAY, KEY MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN GROUP INDICATED THAT PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF SC MEETING IS TO OBTAIN REAFFIRMATION OF US AND UK SUPPORT FOR ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND THAT THEY WANT SC DISCUSSION/ACTION TO BE HELPFUL IN ADVANCING SOLUTION BASED ON THOSE PROPOSALS, NOT HARMFUL. (OTHER AFRICANS TODAY HAVE MADE THE SAME POINT: THEY DO NOT WANT A REPETITION OF THE SORT OF HARANGUE THAT MARKED THE SC DEBATE IN JANUARY). FRONT LINE PERMREPS AT YOUNG LUNCH FURTHER IMPLIED THAT THEY MIGHT PRESS FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE SETTLEMENT ISSUE, NOT ONE LIMITED TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT TALKS. THEY DID NOT DEMUR WHEN THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE BY MAURITIAN PERMREP RAMPHUL THAT THE FL INVITE PF TO SPEAK IN COUNCIL AND THAT THE US INVITE THE INTERNAL NATIONALISTS.

4. UK MISSION (BYATT) INFORMS US THAT SC PRES RICHARD WILL PROBABLY CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH INDIVIDUAL SC MEMBERS THURSDAY FOLLOWING INFORMAL TALK HE PLANS TO HAVE (AS UK REP, NOT SC PRES) WITH NIGERIAN AMB HARRIMAN. IF AFRICANS INSIST ON SC MEETING (WHICH NOW SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN) BRITISH WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO BLOCK IT. BRITISH WOULD MUCH PREFER NO MEETING AT THIS TIME AND ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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CERNED ABOUT AFRICANS' DRAFT RESOLUTION, ESPECIALLY OPERATIVE PARAS 3 AND 4 -- NOT SO MUCH DUE TO WHAT IT SAYS ACCORDING TO BYATT, BUT BECAUSE OF WAY IT, AND VOTES ON IT, WOULD BE INTERPRETED BY PUBLIC. BRITISH ALSO BELIEVE THAT ANY COUNCIL DEBATE ON RHODESIA CANNOT DEAL ONLY WITH INTERNAL SETTLEMENT BUT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW WHOLE RANGE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION FULLY. BYATT NOTED THIS WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION NOT ONLY OF DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED BY SMITH'S POSITION ON INTERNAL SETTLEMENT BUT DIFFICULTIES POSED BY POSITION TAKEN BY PF AT MALTA, IN EFFECT INSISTING THAT PF CONTROL THE TRANSITION.

5. OPERATIVE PARAS OF AFRICAN GROUP'S DRAFT RESOLUTION, PASSED TO US DURING YOUNG'S LUNCHEON, READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON PROGRESS OF MEASURES TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LETTERS DATED 1 AND 8 SEPTEMBER 1977;

- 2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT, NOT LATER THAN 15 APRIL 1978, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF RESOLUTION 415 (1977), ON THE RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS BY HIS REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE BRITISH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE AND WITH ALL THE PARTIES, CONCERNING THE MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

- 3. DECLARES THAT A SPEEDY TERMINATION OF THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND IS A PREREQUISITE TO AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT BASED ON DEMOCRATIC, FAIR AND INDEPENDENT

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PENDENTLY SUPERVISED ELECTIONS;

- 4. FURTHER DECLARES THAT ANY SETTLEMENT UNDER  
THE AUSPICES OF THE ILLEGAL MINORITY RACIST REGIME SHALL  
NOT BE RECOGNIZED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.  
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